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SUBJ: WASHINGTON VISIT OF COPEI LEADER

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1. EDUARDO FERNANDEZ, FEDERAL DEPUTY, COPEI FLOOR LEADER FOR CONGRESS, AND PARTY DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT HIS OWN EXPENSE FOR TWO DAYS (NOV. 22 AND 23) FOR CONTACTS WITH MEMBERS EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES. FERNANDEZ WILL BE IN US. TO ATTEND CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ATLANTIC CONFERENCE (NOV. 18-21) AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE HIS PRESENCE IN US. FOR WASHINGTON VISIT (SEE REF.).

2. FERNANDEZ STATES OBJECTIVE HIS VISIT IS TO TRY TO ESTABLISH GREATER CONTACT FOR COEPI PARTY WITH EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF US. GOVERNMENT. HE ASSERTED COEPI LEADERSHIP BELIEVES THAT US. GOVERNMENT CONTACT WITH VENEZUELAN POLITICANS CONCENTRATED ON AD PARTY MEMBERS. HE POINTED OUT COEPI IS ONLY OTHER MAJOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN VENEZUELA AND MAY BE IN POWER POSSIBLY IN 1979 AND FOR SURE IN 1984. COPEI HAS CONTACT WITH US. ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, HE SAID, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US. GOVERNMENT TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE "TOTAL POLITICAL PICTURE" IN VENEZUELA. HE SAID HIS VISIT AND MESSAGE APPROVED BY TOP COPEI LEADERSHIP.

3. FERNANDEZ EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN CALLING ON ARA DEPUTY
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS, ANYONE ELSE LUERS MIGHT SUGGEST IN

STATE DEPT. (EMBASSY RECOMMENDS LUIGI EINAUDI), AND, IF POSSIBLE, VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER. IN THE CONGRESS, HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERSHIP IN BOTH HOUSES, SENIOR MEMBER(S) OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES. ALSO CONGRESSMAN DANTE FASCALL AND SENATORS KENNEDY AND CHURCH. LASTLY, HE WOULD LIKE COME CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE SENIOR PEOPLE IN PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S ORGANIZATION.

4. POLCOUNS EXPLAINED IT LIKELY MANY MEMBERS CONGRESS WOULD BE ABSENT FROM WASHINGTON DURING HIS PROPOSED VISIT. FERNANDEZ SAID THAT, IF IN JUDGMENT OF DEPARTMENT, THERE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH LEGISLATIVE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE HIS VISIT WORTHWHILE, HE IS WILLING TO POSTPONE HIS TRAVEL UNTIL A LATER DATE.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT DO WHATEVER IT CAN IN TERMS OF FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FERNANDEZ. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, HE IS WIDELY CONSIDERED IN VENEZUELA TO HAVE A BRIGHT POLITICAL FUTURE, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENCY. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF DEPT. BELIEVES VISIT NO. 22-23 WOULD NOT BE WORTHWHILE FOR FERNANDEZ. HE DEPARTS CARACAS FOR ATLANTIC CONFERENCE EVENING NOV. 15.
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